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James Smith joined Chandler's Economic Development Department in November 2006. His primary focus is retail and small business development, helping potential Chandler companies navigate the planning and permitting stages. In addition to these efforts, Smith has worked with Christine Mackay to attract large employers to the city. Recent highlights of these recruitment efforts include locating GM, Infusionsoft, EBay/PayPal, and Garmin.

Prior to joining Chandler, Smith worked for the City of San Jose, California. In this role, Smith helped attract additional air service to San Jose International Airport (SJC). Located only two miles from downtown San Jose, SJC is Silicon Valley's airport and used by tech giants Google, Apple, Cisco, Adobe, and Hewlett Packard.

A native of California, Smith earned a Bachelor's in Economics and a Master's of Public Administration, both from San Jose State University.